

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraphs [0030] and [0033] of the specification in the manner indicated below. These amendments are made to make the specification consistent with the drawings as amended herein.

[0030]        Also in a manner similar to the previously described embodiment, the vent valve diffuser 110 may include a diffuser element ~~126~~ 127 within the retainer 114. In the depicted embodiment, the diffuser element ~~126~~ 127 is provided in the form of an aperture 128 in which a porous element 130 is provided, but it is to be understood that in alternative embodiments, the aperture 128 may be simply left open or be provided in a form of a plurality of apertures, a single drilled hole, or the like.

[0033]        In a still further embodiment, depicted in FIG. 6, the operational range of the diffuser is not solely dependent upon the sizing of the spring. More specifically, it will be noted that the vent valve diffuser of the alternative embodiment is generally referred to as reference numeral 210 and that all similarly used elements are described in terms of the same reference numerals, but being prefixed by a 200 series number as opposed to a 100 series number. For example, the vent valve diffuser 210 includes a plug 212 slidably disposed within a retainer 214 between a seat 216 and an end plate 218. In addition, a diffuser ~~226~~ 227 is disposed within an aperture 228 of the retainer 214 with an o-ring 226 being positioned against a lip 224. A spring 234 biases the plug 212 toward the seat 216 and can be overcome if a pressure differential between a conduit 232 and a chamber 236 is sufficient to overcome the biasing force of the spring 234.